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SUBJECT: JAPANESE FIRM STUDYING POTENTIAL FOR OFF-SHORE
DRILLING CONTRACT IN VIETNAM

1. A SENIOR DIRECTOR OF THE JAPAN OCEAN DRILLING COMPANY
(JDC) LEFT JAPAN ON MARCH 22 FOR A SEVERAL WEEK VISIT IN
VIETNAM TO LOOK INTO THE MARKET POSSIBILITIES THERE FOR
HIS FIRM. JDC IS A LARGE DRILLING CONTRACTOR OPERATING
IN ON- AND OFF-SHORE PROJECTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
AND THE MIDDLE EAST. A JDC OFFICIAL TOLD THE EMBASSY
THAT DIRECTOR YOSHIZAKI OF HIS FIRM WENT TO VIETNAM TO
FOLLOW-UP ON A REPORT FROM A JAPANESE COMPANY REPRESENTA-
TIVE THERE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING WHETHER
TO ITSELF EXPLOIT THE POTENTIAL OF DEPOSITS ON WHICH
MOBIL AND SHELL HAD CONCESSIONS, OR TO CONTRACT FOR THIS
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DEVELOPMENT.

2. THE JDC OFFICIAL DENIED A PRESS REPORT (IN THE USUALLY
AUTHORITATIVE NIHON KEIZAI FOR MARCH 23) THAT YOSHIZAKI'S
TRIP WAS AT THE INVITATION OF THE SRV GOVERNMENT,
"THE FIRST TIME FOR VIETNAM TO HAVE ESTABLISHED DIRECT
CONTACTS WITH OUR COUNTRY ON OIL DEVELOPMENT." THE SAME

ARTICLE, INCIDENTALLY, MENTIONED A REPORT THAT VIETNAM
HAD TRANSFERRED THE MOBIL AND SHELL CONCESSIONS TO ITALY'S
AGIP, AND WEST GERMANY'S DEMINEX. MANSFIELD

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